

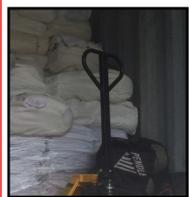


KENYA CHILDREN'S HOME (UK)



Thank You!

In August, some of our UK team loaded up a 20ft shipping container with items for KCH. A range of donated items,



including bedding, towels, toiletries, clothing, toys, gifts, and football kits, were carefully stacked with the precision of a 3-D 'Tetris' game! Thank you to everyone who had donated! **Asante sana!**

Barnardo's Craft Shop

In February, we opened our brand new 'Barnardo's Craft Shop', next to our 'Thrift Shop' on the Langata Road.



The shop is an outlet for selling items from our 'Kelvin Kraft House of Fashion' project.

Our team make a large variety of sewn products - including hand bags, table mats, aprons, cushions, and much more.



The shop is open for business six days a week, and all profits from the sales are used to fund the various projects of KCH. 'Kelvin Kraft' is a great income-generation project.

Asante sana!

SUMMER 2016

WE HAVE MADE SOME CHANGES!

We have a new name:

Kenya Children's Home (UK).

But Facebook & Twitter remain unchanged:

[KenyaChildrensHomeKCH](https://www.facebook.com/KenyaChildrensHomeKCH)
[@KenChildrenHome](https://twitter.com/KenChildrenHome)

Please follow us...

And visit our website:

kenyachildrenshome.org.uk

Asante Sana!

Thank You!

Well Done!



After 2 months of training, 8 of our team of 'house aunties' graduated with their 'House Mother' qualifications.

Tragic News

The family and friends of Kenya Children's Home were deeply saddened to hear of the sudden death of one of the Connect Group members.

Judy Wanjiru Waimatha was just 6 years old when she came to KCH in 1997, along with her twin brother, Steven. She was a bright girl who did well at school, and went on to university to study Clinical Medicine.

In October 2013, Judy married her fiancé, Rev. Arphaxad Chege, and in December 2015, they celebrated the birth of their baby daughter, Riri. Tragically, Judy passed away on June 14th.

"Judy was a shining star, she will be sorely missed."



#GIVING TUESDAY 29/11/16

#GivingTuesday is the day to 'do good stuff for charity', straight after 'Black Friday' and 'Cyber Monday'. This year it is on Tuesday 29th November.



We are asking you to do good stuff for **US** this #GivingTuesday...

Whether you bake good stuff, make good stuff, donate good stuff, tweet good stuff or even say good stuff - whatever you do, we want you to do good stuff for **Kenya Children's Home (UK)** this #GivingTuesday.

You'll be joining thousands of people in the UK in committing to doing good stuff all on the same day, including some of the UK's biggest brands, charities and celebrities.

Instead of a Christmas Campaign, we're asking our supporters to get involved on Giving Tuesday and support **Kenya Children's Home (UK)**:

- through our 'Donate Button' on our website (www.kenyachildrenshome.org.uk),
- or through one of our **Just Giving** pages,
- or by shopping through **Easy Fundraising**,
- or by dining out through **ChariTable Bookings**,
- or tweet and retweet about us ([@KenChildrenHome](https://twitter.com/KenChildrenHome)),
- or like and share our posts ([KenyaChildrensHomeKCH](https://www.facebook.com/KenyaChildrensHomeKCH)),
- or tell your friends about us,
- or simply 'text donate' a pound: Text GKCH16 £1 to 70070 to donate to **Kenya Children's Home (UK)**.

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

November 29, 2016

Please see **Page 4** for more information about how to donate and how your money can make a difference to children in Kenya.

Asante sana!

Exam Results for KCPE

All 173 of our Standard 8 children sat their Kenya Certificate of Primary Education exams in November. The results determine progression to secondary school. The exams are marked out of a total of 500.

The top mark achieved nationally in 2015 was 449.

The subjects studied include Maths, English, Swahili, Science, Religious Studies and Social Studies.

Our top scorer at Mashimoni scored 381. Big congratulations to Albert! And Fozia was our top female scorer, with an excellent 371.

At Suswa, Maria scored a great 338, and 6 of the girls scored over 300.

Rachael was the highest scorer from Butterfly, achieving a fantastic 404, and 11 of the 18 candidates scored

over 300. Timothy was top scorer from Outreach, achieving a strong 378.

Here are the overall results for our 2015 S8 children:

Project	No. of students	Mean Score
JGA	59	379
Mashimoni	68	293
Suswa	11	305
Outreach	17	248
Butterfly	18	323

Well Done!

KCSE Results

The KCSE is the Secondary School Exam Certificate.

The results are released in February, with grades from A (>80%) down to E (< 29%).

In 2015, 2 KCH children, 7 Suswa girls, and 12 Outreach children sat their KCSE exams. They achieved:

1 B+, 4 B-,
7 C+, 7 C, 1 C-, and 1 D+.

Well done all!



Benson from KCH, was our top scoring boy, with 59%, and Leah, from Suswa, was top scoring girl, with 71%. Fantastic!

The next step for all of them is choosing a further education course or finding a job... Good Luck to all!

News from KCH Campus

As ever, there is a lot going on...

"Our 11 Suswa girls that sat their KCPE exams were released to join their guardians while waiting to join secondary education in February. A



farewell ceremony was held on 30th December to wish them well for the next stage in their lives."

"Our children at KCH and Suswa were overjoyed to receive brand new school shoes from Bata Company. We are very grateful for this generous donation from their charitable 'Children's Program.'"



"On 7th February, our KCH choir performed on KTN national TV, on the 'Tukuza' Programme. 'Tukuza' is a gospel show that airs every Sunday morning. This was an opportunity

for our children to sing 'Can you feel in your heart'. We are grateful to the KTN media crew and the 'Tukuza' presenters for the chance.



The children did us proud!"

"During the February Mid-Term break, the children were treated by a local family, to visit their farm for a day. The children enjoyed seeing the animals and were allowed to feed some of them. Everyone enjoyed a great day out!"

"A successful 'Shopping Spree' was organised for the first weekend of March at Uchumi supermarkets. Lots of donations were received from the generous customers to help re-stock our storehouse."

"Our 'Friends of Barnardos' initiative (FOBs) second anniversary was held on 12th March at our campus. It was

a time to celebrate. Members of FOBs remit a monthly donation of at least KShs. 200 (approx. £1:50) on our M-Pesa mobile. This is a great way for local people to financially support the work at KCH. We are very grateful for their generosity."



"The photo above shows some of our children illustrating the growth in donations (from March 2015 (right) to February 2016 (left))."

"On the 30th of April, the KCH resident children visited Suswa for



a day out of fun and games. They enjoyed the opportunity of being in surroundings for a while."

"And that's just a brief summary of 2016 so far..."

"Asante sana to all of our visitors, donors, sponsors and supporters for making so many positive impacts on our youngsters' lives."

Full House Camp

Our **Butterfly Support Program (BSP)**, is for children who start off at **KCH** but then, at around age 10, join boarding schools close to their original home and guardians, after a rigorous screening procedure.

BSP helps these children to maintain a strong link with their home communities, boosting their sense of belonging and identity.

The **BSP** children are visited at their homes and schools up to seven times a year by members of our Social Work team.

In April, the **BSP** children returned to **KCH**, along with the 'reintegrated' **KCH** children who attend Secondary School, for a week-long 'camp'.

It was a chance for them to see old friends and 'family',



and a chance for our team to monitor their health and well-being. The group enjoyed a wide variety of activities, including a trip to Lake Elementaita, Sports Day (where the 'reds' beat the 'yellows') and a talent show.

The whole camp also enjoyed a 'Sausage and Chips' with 'Sodas' treat on behalf of a couple of our UK supporters.



77 **KCH** children are now enrolled in **BSP**. All of them are enjoying being 'at home, with family'.

Mashimoni Prize Giving

Mashimoni School celebrated their 9th Annual 'Prize Giving Day' on March 15th. Rewards were given to those who excelled academically, for improvement, for extra-curricular activities, and for behaviour.



JGA Prize Giving

JGA also celebrated 'Prize Giving' in March 15th. Children received prizes for academic achievement, for their effort and behaviour, and for performance in extra-curricular activities.



The KCPE results were praised, with 58 of the 59 candidates having achieved over 300. Well done!

Outreach Camp

At the beginning of December, the **Outreach** children enjoyed their week-long 'retreat' at **KCH** campus. Their progress was monitored on all fronts: health, academics and social development. The children got to participate in lots of different activities and they had a fantastic time. One highlight was the day trip out to Lake Elementaita.

The week ended with a spectacular talents show, and party.

Outreach is now working with over 200 children across Kenya, aged from 6 to 22, funding education and providing additional support when needed.



SUSWA

Our girls at **Suswa** have received knitted squares from donors across the UK. They have taken up a new hobby of crocheting the squares together to make bedcovers. This is a good use of leisure time because it encourages them to be creative and artistic whilst developing a new skill.

On the 8th of April, **Suswa** hosted their 'Parents' Day'. Advocacy against FGM was an important part of the day.

Later in April, the Secondary School girls returned to **Suswa** for a short visit. During their stay they had a chance spend some time with two local grandmothers and help do some chores for them.



Mashimoni Camp

The pupils at **Mashimoni** enjoyed a great Easter Camp. Our volunteers, plus a team from Young Life Kenya, organised a programme of activities, games and sports, and some extra lessons too!



We'd like to say an extra-special 'Thank You' to Anne Spresser (and Gillian and Hazel) for travelling out from the UK to prepare and run the arts and crafts programme for the Camp. The children all love making something to take home with them.



Thank You!

We have been overwhelmed with your support AGAIN!

Here are just a few special 'thank you' messages...

THANK YOU to all of our regular donors and child sponsors.

THANK YOU to the people across the UK who knit and crochet for us.

THANK YOU to 'Aitken & Niven' for the donation of school wear and sports clothing.

THANK YOU to Perth Soroptimists for their beautiful pillowcase dresses.

THANK YOU to 'Smalls for All' for giving us another huge donation of pants.

THANK YOU to our volunteers.

THANK YOU to the 'Woollies for the World' supporters who have made dresses from pillowcases, crochet ponchos, and donated a wide variety of other items.

THANK YOU bpwphotography.com.

THANK YOU to everyone who has fundraised through [Just Giving](#).

ASANTE SANA!



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for **Kenya Children's Home (UK)**?

There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline and Sainsbury's - and it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's really simple, all you have to do is:

1. Join.

Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kch/> and sign up for free.

2. Shop.

Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.

3. Raise.

After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and **Kenya Children's Home (UK)** will be really grateful for your donations.

This is a very simple but effective way to support us. Give it a try!



"Giving back for free has never tasted so good!"

ChariTable Bookings is the exciting new way to search for restaurants, book a table and support your favourite UK charities at absolutely no cost to you. £1 for EVERY diner will be donated by the restaurant to a charity of your choice. We have signed up! You will find us listed under our new name: **Kenya Children's Home (UK)**.

ChariTable Bookings was created to actively fundraise for worthy charities across the UK while increasing revenue for participating restaurants by encouraging charitable giving from the public. Charity supporters can enjoy dining at thousands of restaurants, knowing they will raise much needed money for worthy causes at no cost to themselves.

Find out more at: www.charitablebookings.org



Support Us All Year Round

You can financially support the work of Balcraig Foundation on a monthly (or annual) basis.

We have a range of Standing Order schemes that facilitate financial support for the five main projects:

PROJECT	£/month	£/year
KCH	35	420
Butterfly	35	420
Outreach	20	240
Suswa	10	120
Mashimoni	10	120

KCH Child Sponsorship helps fund the provision of a stable home life for an orphaned, abandoned or destitute child.

Butterfly Sponsorship is for those children who have been re-integrated back into their home communities.

Outreach Sponsorship funds the education of a child living in their home community, whilst providing additional support to the family.

Suswa Sponsorship supports accommodation & education for Maasai girls in the Rift Valley.

Mashimoni Sponsorship funds quality Primary School education in the Kibera slum environment.

All of our sponsors receive biannual letters/pictures and school reports from their child(ren) in Kenya and copies of our UK newsletters.

We also have several Just Giving pages that you can donate through:

www.justgiving.com/kch

www.justgiving.com/suswa

www.justgiving.com/mashimoni

www.justgiving.com/kelvinloaf

www.justgiving.com/feedababy

